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Filed: 04/16/2001 Examiner: Bunner, Bridget

For: PURIFIED AND ISOLATED POTASSIUM-CHLORIDE COTRANSPORTER NUCLEIC ACIDS

AND POLYPEPTIDES AND THERAPEUTIC AND SCREENING METHODS USING SAME

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM 3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for four months: Fee: \$795.00 CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10* (When using Express Mail, the Express Mail label number is mandatory; Express Mail certification is optional.) 09/28/2005 CNGUYEN2 00000034 500426 09835976 I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being: 02 FC:2254 795.00 DA **MAILING** deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) 37 C.F.R. § 1.10* with sufficient postage as first class mail. ☐ as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. EV733194060US(mandatory) TRANSMISSION ☐ facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, (703)

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

OTHER FEES

5. Request for Continued Examination Fee:

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AMENDMENT C AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Official Action dated September 30, 2004, having a term for response that expired on December 30, 2004. A three (3)-month extension of the response period up to an including March 30, 2005 was requested, and a Notice of Appeal was filed March 24, 2005. Per telephonic discussions with the Examiner, this Amendment constitutes a re-submission of Amendment B filed March 24, 2005, which does not appear to have been considered by the U.S.P.T.O., in view of the content of the Advisory Action dated September 15, 2005.

A four (4) month extension of the period for filing the Appeal Brief up to and including September 24, 2005 is hereby requested. Since September 24, 2005 is a Saturday, this deadline rolls to Monday, September 26, 2005. Please charge the \$795.00 extension fee for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0426. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed simultaneously. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.